

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Itaru SAKOU

Serial No. 10/629,897

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No. 6247

Filed: July 30, 2003

Examiner: LIN, JERRY

For: METHOD, PROGRAM AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING GENE EXPRESSION

AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on March 27, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 27, 2008.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.